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(b) if so, when the hostel will be opened; and

(c) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) A petition has been received by the Director of Harijan Welfare.

" (b) & (c) The request for the opening of a Government Hostel at Chinnasalem is being examined by the Director of Harijan Welfare. A decision will be taken by the Government after the report of the Director of Harijan Welfare has been received and considered."

New Road works.

* 1882 Q.—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the details of new road works proposed to be undertaken under the Village Communication Scheme in Kurumbranad taluk under the Five-year Plan, 1953–58; and

(b) the present stage of their execution?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) The First Five-Year Plan covers the period from 1951–52 to 1955–56 and the works included therein are—

(1) formation (metalling) of Thikkodi Bazaar Road; and

(2) forming a road to connect Meladi village to Payyoli Railway station.

" (b) Item (1) has been completed in 1951–52 and item (2) has yet to be taken up for execution."

Improper drawal of grant by Moothanthara Aided Elementary School, Palghat.

* 1883 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manager of the Moothanthara Aided Elementary School, Palghat, Malabar, has drawn the grant for November and December 1953 in which was included the pay of one Ramankutty Marar, who was not in service during that period;

(b) whether it is a fact that this Marar brought this to the notice of the District Educational Officer, South Malabar; and

(c) if so, the action taken to recover the amount from the Manager?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) The recognition of the school has been withdrawn with effect from 1st August 1954 and the grant payable to the school has been withheld. Action has also been taken to declare the manager to be unfit to be a manager."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the grant was recommended by one of the Deputy Inspectors of the range and have not the Government taken any action against the Inspector who recommended payment of this grant? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not have any information to that effect. "

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know how the grants are paid? Are they not paid on the recommendation of the officers of the Educational Department who first supervise the bills and records? If the Hon. Minister is not in possession of this information is he justified in brushing away a question of this type? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of brushing away the question. The grant has not been paid in this case. Whether a particular Deputy Inspector made the recommendation or not, that fact is not available with me. Any grant if it is paid would be paid on the recommendation of the Deputy Inspector. The grant in this case has been withheld. What recommendation was made is not available with me here."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The grant withheld is the grant due to the institution. The question here is whether teaching grant was disbursed in favour of a particular teacher who was not serving in the institution at the time. Generally grant is assessed in favour of the teacher by the Inspecting officers after scrutinizing the registers, etc. It is the Deputy Inspectors and the District Educational Officers who are more responsible for the payment of grants to bogus teachers. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give an assurance that this matter will be looked into and severe deterrent action taken against such of the officers as have recommended payment of such grants to bogus teachers? May I also know from the Hon. Minister . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the Hon. Minister answer that question."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" By taking punitive action the recognition has been withdrawn. That means that hundreds of students are now at a disadvantage in that they do not have an institution wherein they can get instruction. The country suffers on account of the action of a single manager. Therefore I say this is punitive action. Have Government taken any action to see that an institution is there for the students to continue their studies? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The point is this. In this case the manager entered in the records that a certain person was working as teacher there. On surprise inspection it was found that he was not working there but working elsewhere. For what length of time the teacher was not working there it was possible to find out. That is why subsequent to the discovery, the grant has been withheld and the recognition withdrawn."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall now pass on to Question No. 1885."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. The Hon. Minister has not answered the points raised in the supplementary question . . ." 3-50 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" If the Hon. Minister has not answered the question fully, the hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

Rural dispensary at Trikarpur.

* 1885 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rural dispensary at Trikarpur in South Kanara has been closed ; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Non-availability of a qualified Medical Officer for appointment as Rural Medical Practitioner."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister when this dispensary was closed and whether there is any possibility of appointing a doctor as Rural Medical Practitioner? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The dispensary remains closed since 28th February 1954. The district board has not been able to get a qualified practitioner for the dispensary."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that doctors are not coming forward to work in Rural Dispensaries because the pay and allowances given are very meagre? In view of this fact, may I know whether the Government will be pleased to increase the pay and allowances of Rural Medical Practitioners? May I also know what steps the Government have taken to see that a doctor is appointed for the rural dispensary at Trikarpur as the hospital has to serve lakhs of people in and around that place? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Rural dispensaries are under the control of district boards and it is, therefore, their duty to find qualified doctors for managing the rural dispensaries under their control. As regards the question of enhancing the pay of Rural Dispensary Doctors, it is a matter which is being considered in connexion with the Second Five-Year Plan."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as this is a matter of social service, will the Government make it a condition for granting Diploma or Degree in this matter that the holder will